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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-22. (canceled)

Claim 23. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 53, wherein the step of providing a herbicide in a reservoir compromises providing an oil based herbicide.

Claim 24. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 53, further including the step of securing said herbicide or pesticide compound in said reservoir with safety cover means, wherein the step of securing includes placing said cover means on said reservoir and rotating said cover means past a predetermined stop to block reverse rotation of said cover means.

Claim 25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 53, further including the status of opening said cover means by applying force to a portion of said cover means to enable forward rotation of said cover means to release it from the reservoir.

Claim 26. (canceled)

Claim 27. The method of claim 22 53, further comprising the step of removing from the applicator an overcap which selectively covers the applicator.

Claim 28. The method of claim 22 53, further including the step of securing said herbicide or pesticide compound in said reservoir with safety cover means, wherein the step of securing, includes placing said cover means on said reservoir and rotating said cover means past a predetermined stop to block reverse rotation of said cover means.

Claim 29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, further including the step of opening said cover means by applying force to a portion of said cover means to enable positive rotation of said cover means to release it from the reservoir.

Claims 30-52. (canceled)

Claim 53. (previously presented). A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir and providing a regulatable valve on the reservoir, the regulatable valve having a first valve element and a second valve element rotatable relative to the first valve element, the second valve element having a brush mounted thereon; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to the brush an applicator; (c) directly contacting a surface with the brush applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying [at least one of the internal pressure of the reservoir and] the position of a regulatable valve, wherein the step of regulating with a valve includes by applying a force to move a the second valve element from a first position to a second position, the second position being one of a plurality of a range of positions which permits flow communication from said reservoir to the brush applicator, and releasing the force being applied to allow the valve element to be maintained in said second position, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

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